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RE U.S. App. No.: 09/923,524, filed 08/07/2001

Applicant(s): Chun Wang et al.

Atty Dkt No.: 1376-0001670

Title: MEMORY CONTROLLER FOR HANDLING MULTIPLE CLIENTS
AND METHOD THEREOF

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MESSAGE:

PLEASE DELIVER DIRECTLY TO EXAMINER NGUYEN

Attached please find:

- ☒ Agenda for Interview (2 pgs)
- ☒ Complimentary Copy of Response to Final Office Action (13 pgs)

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Examiners Hau H. Nguyen and Matthew Bella
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Re: Agenda for Interview re: U.S. Pat. No. 09/923,524 on 4/7/04

Dear Examiners:

A phone call is scheduled between the Attorney of Record, Gus Larson, and Examiners Nguyen and Bella on Wednesday, April 7 to discuss the above listed matter.

A response to a Final Action on the matter was mailed on Monday April 5th in order to meet the shortened statutory period. A copy of the Response marked "COMPLIMENTARY COPY -- DO NOT ENTER" is faxed herewith for the convenience of Examiners Nguyen and Bella. A revised or follow-up response will be provided as necessary subsequent to Wednesday, April 7.

I wish to discuss what I believe to be differences between the cited references and the three independent claims. As discussed in the attached complimentary copy of the response, it appears that the configuration data and routing as claimed is different than the disclosures of the references. I would like an opportunity to discuss what I believe the differences are, and to receive a better understanding of Examiner Nguyen's position, so I may best determine how to proceed.

More information is provided in the attached response, however for the convenience of Examiners Nguyen and Bella, a short synopsis of issues is listed below and is not meant to be entered.

1. Tomko does not seem to disclose a configuration data that can be used to route each data access request from each of a plurality of clients as recited. (Claim 1)
2. Murakami does not seem to disclose memory controllers or configuration data as recited. If a broad interpretation considers the decoders 202 of FIG. 7 to be memory controllers, which it should not, there is still no configuration data or routing involved since the inter-decoder connections of FIG. 7 are direct connection and therefore not configurable or routed. (Claims 1, 35)

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3. MacInnis does not seem to provide a storage module and router as recited, since the router of MacInnis does not route data at each one of its plurality of first ports based upon the data stored in the storage module. (Claim 24)

I look forward to discussing this matter with you on Wednesday,

Yours truly,

TOLER, LARSON & ABEL, L.L.P.



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Enclosure(s): as stated